

CCJJ REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to make an annual progress report on certain topics to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to make an annual report to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee on the progress made on the following goals of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative:
 - ensuring oversight and accountability;
 - supporting local corrections systems;
 - improving and expanding reentry and treatment services; and
 - strengthening probation and parole supervision; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63M-7-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 200, 230, and 395

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **63M-7-204** is amended to read:

63M-7-204. Duties of commission.

(1) The State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice administration shall:

(a) promote the commission's purposes as enumerated in Section 63M-7-201;

(b) promote the communication and coordination of all criminal and juvenile justice agencies;

(c) study, evaluate, and report on the status of crime in the state and on the effectiveness of criminal justice policies, procedures, and programs that are directed toward the reduction of crime in the state;

(d) study, evaluate, and report on programs initiated by state and local agencies to address reducing recidivism, including changes in penalties and sentencing guidelines intended to reduce recidivism, costs savings associated with the reduction in the number of inmates, and evaluation of expenses and resources needed to meet goals regarding the use of treatment as an alternative to incarceration, as resources allow;

(e) study, evaluate, and report on policies, procedures, and programs of other jurisdictions which have effectively reduced crime;

(f) identify and promote the implementation of specific policies and programs the commission determines will significantly reduce crime in Utah;

(g) provide analysis and recommendations on all criminal and juvenile justice legislation, state budget, and facility requests, including program and fiscal impact on all components of the criminal and juvenile justice system;

(h) provide analysis, accountability, recommendations, and supervision for state and federal criminal justice grant money;

(i) provide public information on the criminal and juvenile justice system and give technical assistance to agencies or local units of government on methods to promote public awareness;

(j) promote research and program evaluation as an integral part of the criminal and juvenile justice system;

(k) provide a comprehensive criminal justice plan annually;

(l) review agency forecasts regarding future demands on the criminal and juvenile justice systems, including specific projections for secure bed space;

(m) promote the development of criminal and juvenile justice information systems that are consistent with common standards for data storage and are capable of appropriately sharing information with other criminal justice information systems by:

(i) developing and maintaining common data standards for use by all state criminal

64 justice agencies;

65 (ii) annually performing audits of criminal history record information maintained by

66 state criminal justice agencies to assess their accuracy, completeness, and adherence to

67 standards;

68 (iii) defining and developing state and local programs and projects associated with the

69 improvement of information management for law enforcement and the administration of

70 justice; and

71 (iv) establishing general policies concerning criminal and juvenile justice information

72 systems and making rules as necessary to carry out the duties under Subsection (1)(k) and this

73 Subsection (1)(m);

74 (n) allocate and administer grants, from money made available, for approved education

75 programs to help prevent the sexual exploitation of children;

76 (o) allocate and administer grants for law enforcement operations and programs related

77 to reducing illegal drug activity and related criminal activity;

78 (p) request, receive, and evaluate data and recommendations collected and reported by

79 agencies and contractors related to policies recommended by the commission regarding

80 recidivism reduction;

81 (q) establish and administer a performance incentive grant program that allocates funds

82 appropriated by the Legislature to programs and practices implemented by counties that reduce

83 recidivism and reduce the number of offenders per capita who are incarcerated;

84 (r) oversee or designate an entity to oversee the implementation of juvenile justice

85 reforms;

86 (s) make rules and administer the juvenile holding room standards and juvenile jail

87 standards to align with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act requirements

88 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5633;

89 (t) allocate and administer grants, from money made available, for pilot qualifying

90 education programs;

91 (u) oversee the trauma-informed justice program described in Section 63M-7-209;

92 [and]

93 (v) request, receive, and evaluate the aggregate data collected from prosecutorial

94 agencies[~~, jails,~~] and the Administrative Office of the Courts, in accordance with Sections

95 ~~[17-22-32.4,]~~ 63M-7-216[-] and 78A-2-109.5[-]; and

96 (w) report annually to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee

97 on the progress made on each of the following goals of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative:

98 (i) ensuring oversight and accountability;

99 (ii) supporting local corrections systems;

100 (iii) improving and expanding reentry and treatment services; and

101 (iv) strengthening probation and parole supervision.

102 (2) If the commission designates an entity under Subsection (1)(r), the commission
103 shall ensure that the membership of the entity includes representation from the three branches
104 of government and, as determined by the commission, representation from relevant stakeholder
105 groups across all parts of the juvenile justice system, including county representation.